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"I Often Wish I Were a King"

Martha, 2, and Paul, 3, children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jurney, 2880 Arizona avenue, watch in awe as His Majesty, King Baudouin of the Belgians, leaves the airport in an official car to begin his tour of the Laboratory.

ENROLLMENT FOR GROUP LIFE PLAN ENDS JUNE 10

Low cost group life insurance will be offered to LASL employees for the first time in an open enrollment starting June 1 and running through June 10. Employees would bear the full cost through payroll deduction.

If 75% of the eligible employees sign up during the enrollment period, the new plan will become effective June 12. The reason for the rush is that a group life insurance plan without employer contribution cannot be legally established after June 12 because of a change in the New Mexico state insurance laws. No physical examination is required during the open enrollment period.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S. will underwrite the plan under a master contract with the Los Alamos Institute, the group that recently set up the major medical group plan for the Laboratory. The directors of the Institute selected the Equitable plan after studying bids from six major insurance companies, on recommendation from its insurance committee. Committee members are Phil Belcher, Dorothy Boyer, C. R. Canfield, Henry Heyman, Frank Hauser,

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Building, Loan Company Forming in Los Alamos

A Los Alamos Building and Loan Association is in the process of formation with the prime purpose of extending FHA housing loans for Barranca Mesa, as well as for other real estate developments within a 50-mile radius.

The state bank examiner has been asked to grant a charter to the group, made up of Los Alamos, Espanola and Santa Fe people. The association plans to accept deposits of the building and loan variety, and to make real estate loans in the area. The association is being organized under a new state law which goes into effect June 12. Under the law, \$100,000 in permanent capital, reserves and operating funds will be paid in before the association starts business.

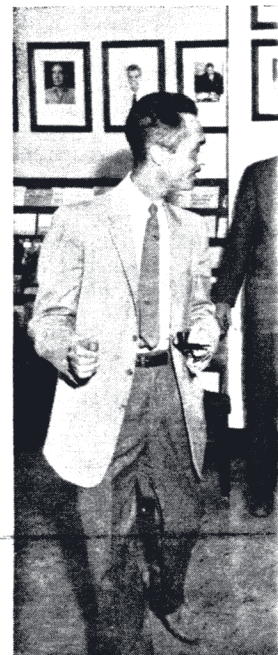
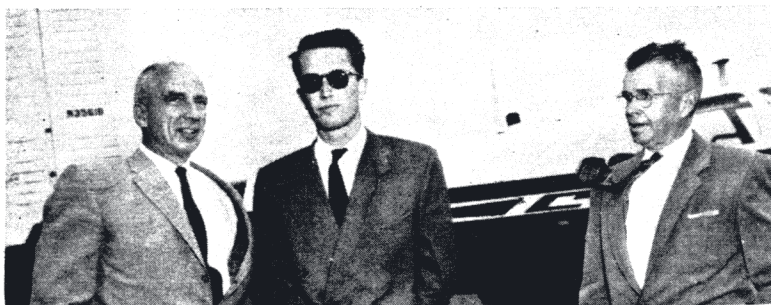
Application is also being made for insurance from the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance corporation, which would insure deposits up to \$10,000. The association has office space at 1733½ Central avenue, over the Clement & Benner (formerly Speer's) department store.

A list of incorporators thus far includes Sterling F. Black, George A. Cowan, Howard B. Demuth, John R. Hopkins, Armand W. Kelly, James E. Loucks, Richard C. Neal, James L. Teare, J. J. Wechsler, and John V. Young, all of Los Alamos; C. V. Hunter and Roy Honstein of Espanola, Allan Stamm and Henry R. Hoyt of Santa Fe and Morris C. Wycoff of Pojoaque.

**The King of Belgium marched up The Hill
With 50,000 men.**

**The King of Belgium marched down The Hill
And ne'er came back again.**

—adapted from Mother Goose



... then on with the

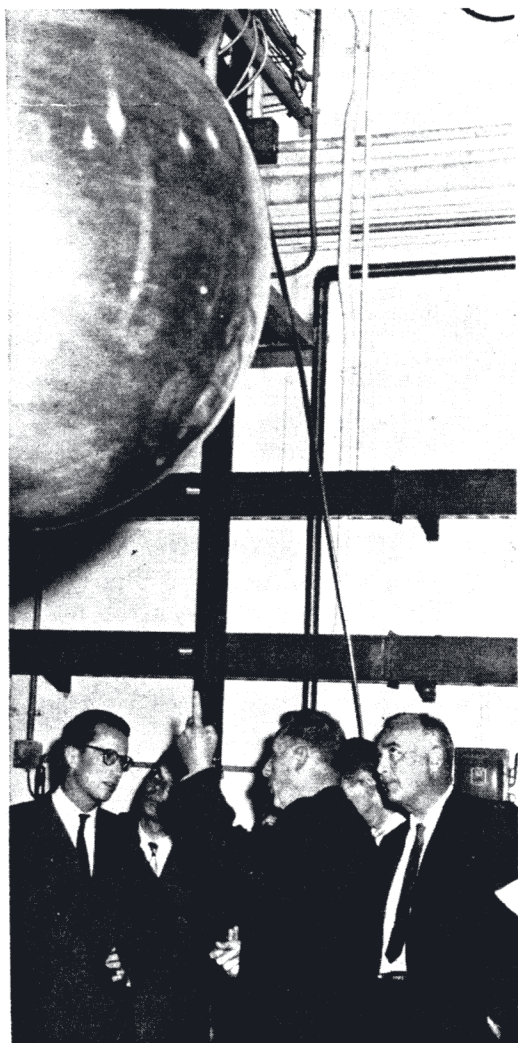
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**A welcome from Norris Bradbury and Paul Wilson ...
a briefing for the king and the newsmen ...**



**A meeting with his countrymen: Mr. and Mrs. Leon DeMeuse
(l. & r.) and Mrs. George Zimmerman (center).**

**Physics explained to king and governor by Jerry
Kellogg under the shiny Cockcroft-Walton.**



ROYAL WELCOME

There were weeks of preparation. Foot long teletypes and endless letters brought advice from the state department, plans from the AEC. The phones rang constantly throughout the Laboratory as a carefully planned itinerary was laid out, the proper list of dignitaries compiled, the motorcade route and time schedule precisely prepared and tested, arrangements rearranged.

Then the King came—twenty minutes ahead of schedule—and the best laid plans...

PRESS DASH

There was the press, both Belgian and local, making a record dash from their HRL press conference to screech into the airport just as the fleet of Carco planes touched down with the royal party... the magnificent New Mexico weather threatening and wind whipping across the airstrip to ruffle the welcoming committee... the puzzled child who asked, "But where is the one with the crown?"

There was the formal state department-arranged presentation of LASL's Belgian natives that became a friendly, unrehearsed affair... Leon and Maria De-Meuse posing for a Belgian television newsreel cameras as the king drives up. "Sir," said the cameraman, "These people are from your country." "Oh!" said the King—and joined the party to chat and pose for more pictures... Later, Mrs. George Zimmerman, a Belgian whose husband is with the military on the Hill, formally presented in the HRL Library.

AIDE COUNTED

There was the good natured prodding by the king that induced a royal aide to take a run through the human counter amidst the usual shouts and laughter, varied this time only by cries of "Adieu!" instead of "So Long" as the major disappeared from sight. The reading, much to the disappointment of his pals: normal.

Everywhere, the tall, handsome young king looking painfully intent, asking questions, climbing steps and ladders, peering into openings, listening avidly... Governor John Burroughs, joining the party at the physics building, obviously enjoying his first tour of the Lab.

RECEIVES GIFTS

And finally, the exodus—the king in the governor's big black limousine, bearing an overwhelming load of scientific facts, an impressive array of gifts: a handsomely-packaged souvenir sample of trinitite produced by the world's first atomic bomb, a leather bound collection of colored photographs of Laboratory facilities compiled by Graphic Arts and—most spectacular of all—a bouquet of Los Alamos-grown flowers in Belgian colors—black, red and yellow tulips on a green fern background—raised and arranged by Mrs. George Matlack and Mrs. Earl Fullman with the eager assistance of the whole neighborhood.

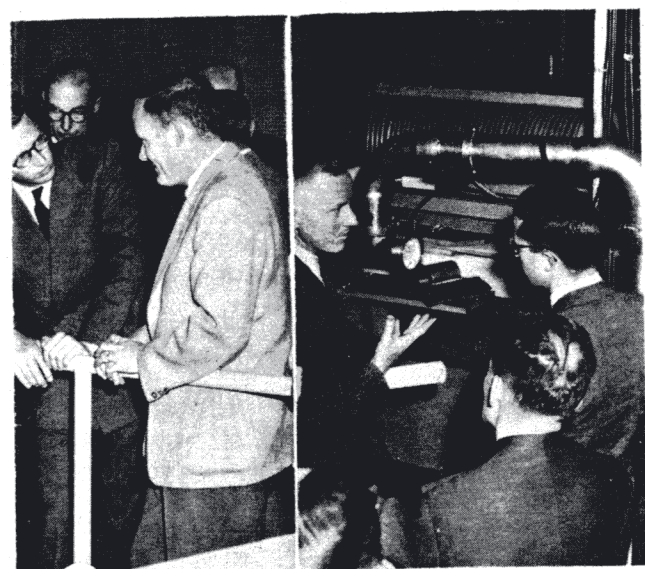
Raies Returns

William A. Raies has returned from a visit to West Virginia, where he delivered the commencement address at Marshall College. Raies is president of the Los Alamos chapter of the Marshall College alumni association.



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fuel element explained by Carroll Zabel.



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The Laboratory's gift of historic trinitite from Darol Froman.

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